

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD
BUDGET WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 26, 2024
6:00PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Patricia Murray
Councilperson Kathryn Clemens
Councilperson Ray Elsworth
Councilperson Robert Oehme
One Councilperson's seat was vacant
Highway Superintendent Louis Redenback

Supervisor Murray introduced Mrs. Shelly Gage the Deputy County Treasurer. She was there to help explain some of the budget process. Ms. Murray said the County still had not finished their budget yet. Mrs. Gage explained the Tax Cap Limit and how the Comptroller's Office arrives at the figure. She provided everyone with a sheet showing the Calculation of Tax Cap Compliant Amount, The Town of Plymouth 2025 Budget Needs to Raise and an estimated example of the Impact on Tax Rate per \$1000.00 of Assessed Value. Questions were asked and answered. Ms. Murray said that the Town is going to go above the Tax Cap, but Town taxes will go down. The County tax rates are still in question. She said that on October 15, 2024, the Board will have to pass a resolution to go above the Tax Cap. On October 24, 2024, at 6:00pm, there will be a Public Hearing about exceeding the Tax Cap. At

6:31pm, there will be a Public Hearing regarding the 2025 Town Budget. People can ask questions. Then the Board will pass the local law. The Budget can be adopted at that time if there are no adjustments to be made. More questions and answers. Once the Budget is adopted, Ms. Murray and the Town Clerk will complete the proper paperwork and send it to the Secretary of State.

Ms. Murray said she had taken the Mortgage tax out of the Revenue in the Budget because it is not an exact amount that the Town could count on. She said when the money did come in, it would be extra revenue. But she didn't believe it would be a large sum of money.

She went over the budget and made the following changes:

Line A3510.2 Control of Dogs Equipment raised to \$500.00

Line A5132.1 Garage Personal Services will be corrected to read

Line A5132.2 Garage Equipment \$4,000.00

Line A7320.4 Joint Youth Project raised to \$7,100.00 (\$4,100.00 for the Norwich Youth Contract.)

There was a discussion about the Town's responsibilities to Cemeteries. There were several unanswered questions. Ms. Murray proposed taking the Budgeted amount for Cemeteries down to \$200.00. She will further research this issue to see what the Town's legal requirements are.

Ms. Murray said the grand total of the General Fund Appropriations was \$312,990.00.

Line A2705 was added to accommodate donations made to the Youth Project. \$200.00

Line DA5110.1 General Repairs Personal Services raised to \$140,000.00

Line DA5110.4 Contractual Expense raised to \$200,00.00

Line DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual Expense raised to \$225,000.00

Line DA5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual Expense raised to
\$110,000.00

Ms. Murray said the State Aid figures were unknown at that time.

Mrs. Gage answered more questions about the general process of
estimating a yearly budget. Everyone thanked her for her help.

Ms. Murray reminded everyone, the next meeting would be at October
3, 2024.

Mr. Manwarren asked why the vacant Councilperson seat had not been
filled yet. Ms. Murray said the process would take a lot of time. Mr.
Manwarren said the people of the Town deserve a full Board.

Mrs. Clemens made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Elsworth seconded the
motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four
yeses and no nos. One Councilperson's seat was vacant.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Virginia E. Brown".

Virginia E. Brown

Plymouth Town Clerk

October 10, 2024